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When writer's workshop is introduced to the kindergarten classroom, students often do not have the basic skills they need to participate in the process. Teachers should not let that prevent them from introducing writing instruction to their young students. This book shows teachers that all the skills they need to teach their young writers can be taught using the mini-lesson method. The book states that any skill can be taught more effectively--from quietly gathering for writer's workshop, to returning journals to their proper places, to the orientation of writing on the page--using mini-lessons. The book contains 59 mini-lessons, organized by the function they serve in the kindergarten classroom: operational mini-lessons focus on managing processes, materials, and classroom spaces; foundational mini-lessons cover the content of student writing; print awareness mini-lessons deal with the mechanics of writing, and directly address the connection between reading and writing; and craft mini-lessons address the skills kindergartners need to add description, elaboration, and detail to their writing. Contains an extensive literature list and a 19-item bibliography. (NKA)

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